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SUBJECT: CEAUSESCU TRIPS TO ASIA, MIDDLE EAST

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1. ROMANIAN PRESS DECEMBER 13 ANNOUNCED OFFICIAL VISIT OF
PRESIDENT AND MRS. CEAUSESCU TO JAPAN (REFTEL) IN FIRST 10
DAYS OF APRIL 1975.

2. VISIT PREPARATIONS ARE SHAPING UP ROUTINELY, ACCORDING
TO JAPANESE DCM. JOINT POLITICAL DECLARATION, ALONG LINES
OF US-GOR 1973 DOCUMENT, LONG-TERM ECONOMIC AGREEMENT, AND
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CULTURAL-SCIENTIFIC EXCHANGE ACCORD HAVE BEEN SUGGESTED BY

GOR, WHICH WANTS DRESS UP VISIT WITH RESPECTABLE NUMBER OF SIGNINGS. GOJ WANTS "NO-DOUBLE-TAXATION" ACCORD, AND JAPANESE COMMERCIAL INTERESTS SEEK INVESTMENT-PROTECTION DOCUMENT (TO COVER SUCH JOINT VENTURES AS DAI-NIPPON INC. PLANT TO PRODUCE ANIMAL FEED FROM PETRO-CHEMICAL NOW HIGH PRIORITY FOR FEED-GRAIN SHORT ROMANIANS). JAPANESE EXPECT SERIOUS GOR FOREIGN-EXCHANGE PROBLEM TO BE REFLECTED IN ECONOMIC DISCUSSIONS.

3. JAPANESE DCM SAID OTHER POSSIBLE ASIAMT STOPS FOR CEAUSESCU MIGHT BE INDONESIA (INDONESIAN AMB TOLD HIM HE HAD RECOMMENDED THIS BUT NO INVITATION HAD YET BEEN ISSUED), THAILAND, PHILIPPINES, SINGAPORE, AND MALAYSIA. MFA SOURCES SAID CHINA AND NORTH KOREA WERE DEFINITELY OUT.

4. AUSTRALIAN EMBOFF (VISITING FROM BELGRADE) RECENTLY CONFIRMED THAT GOA CONSIDERING EXTENDING INVITATION TO CEAUSESCU IN LINE WITH ITS ATTEMPT TO IMPROVE RELATIONS WITH EASTERN EUROPE, COMMENTING THAT CEAUSESCU'S INDEPENDENT FOREIGN POLICY MADE HIM MOST ACCEPTABLE EAST EUROPEAN LEADER AFTER TITO, WHOSE AGE AND HEALTH WERE CONSIDERED BARRIER TO HIS TRAVEL.

5. R. CAPLESCU (SCINTEIA FOREIGN EDITOR) TOLD EMBOFF THAT BESIDES ASIA CEAUSESCU WOULD ALSO VISIT MIDDLE EAST AGAIN, PROBABLY NOT BEFORE EARLY 1."5. ITINERARY APPARENTLY NOT SET, BUT JORDAN, KUWAIT, AND "NORTH AFRICAN" ARAB COUNTRIES ARE UNDER CONSIDERATION.
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